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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Dept. of Justice

950 Penn. Ave, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I heard that the public comment period for the Microsoft antitrust hearing was in full swing, and so I thought it would be important to announce my support for Microsoft and the agreement. It's fair to Microsoft, consumers, and the government, so I would like to thank the people who've worked hard at the Department of Justice to reach this settlement.

It wasn't wholly proper to bring this suit against Microsoft in the first place. Microsoft has never been a monopoly; they just simply make a better product than their competitors. This suit was likely begun by those competitors in order to attack Microsoft, not outraged consumers looking for a break.

The government has better issues to spend taxpayer's money on than attacking American companies that help our economy to the extent that Microsoft does. Supporting the American economy is important in this time of recession, and the government should do all it can to help.

I hope that you take my opinion into account, along with the millions of others who depend on Microsoft's products. It's safe to say that we all hope that the government will end its vendetta against Microsoft. Thank all the people at the DOJ again for their work, and thank you for your work in this matter.

Regards,

Jason Hartley